

Notes

Messaging and Server CoIN Discussion

Date: June 20, 2006

Time: 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Location: Commonwealth Auditorium, 4th Floor,
Richmond Plaza Building
110 South 7th St.
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Meeting called by:

Messaging and Server Task Force Teams
Donald F. Drew (Service Delivery Manager–Messaging Services)

Attendance (57):

Atkinson, Ted; Bailey, Larry; Baird, Bob; Barden, Lee;
Bonner, Bill; Bukkila, Eric; Burns, Robert; Byrne, Don;
Carpenter, Rod; Cobb, Alan; Demola, Vince; Diveley, John;
Drew, Donald; Garnett, Barbara; Gregory, Blaise; Gross, Tom;
Gwaltney, Jimmy; Hansen, Jeff; Herron, Allen; Hix, Mark;
Hokanson, Laans; Jones, Scot; Kelley, Kevin; King, Stephen;
Kunkel, John; Lawrence, Barbara; Lemons, Gayle;
Lewis, Deborah; Lusk, Karen; McCloskey, Joe; McHugh, John;
Moore, Pat; Moore, Ron; Morrison, Debi; Nacol, Josh;
Neera, Jain; Nicholl, Chris; Nott, Cathy; O'Brian, Bill;
Piatt, John; Pillow, Francis; Platter, Keith; Powell, W.C.;
Pratt, Carlton; Robins, Carol; Rodriguez, Edwin; Rosen, Jim;
Schultegans, Jim; Sewell, Jason; Stevens, Trey; Tarr, Bruce;
Thompson, Dave; Tyson, Bill; Wilson, Alan; Wingfield, Anne;
Wright, Jennifer; Younger, Lee

Key Discussion Points:

UNIX/Linux Naming Standards

- Short Name
- Short Name Examples
- Long Name

Wintel Server Naming Standards

- Format – we are looking to expand to additional customers
- Sample Codes – submitted to Architecture Review Board for approval
- One (1) Character Forest Code – for example as it stands now
- Three (3) Character Server Number Instance
- Example – straight forward; may take time to get use to

Commonwealth of Virginia Email Service Overview

- Commonwealth of Virginia (COV) Email System was created to...
- COV Email Service includes...COV Blackberry Service
- Accessing COV Email
- COV Email SPAM/Anti-Virus – IronPort
- SMTP Flow

Issues/Questions:

1. What about out of scope agencies. Are you consulting them?

Summary Answer. Yes, they are being consulted.

2. The host naming convention and virtual server indicators would require name changes if the servers are moved. (statement/recommendation).

Summary Answer. We looked at some of those aspects and will take that into consideration. We want it to have the ability to fit everyone. We can take additional conversation offline if you would like. You are correct it does not lend itself to easy moves; however, in a lot of cases we would likely build a new server instead of moving a server.

3. What happens to a server name that gets decommissioned? What about cluster names?

Summary Answer. Yes, we do keep track of them (decommissioned names) and names don't get reused.

4. Where are we within the process of the review?

Summary Answer. It is in-process; however, we don't know when the review will be finished.

5. What you have described so far was in the Windows system. What about in the UNIX process?

Summary Answer. The items we have discussed here (this presentation) is for whatever goes out to be published, tracked, and put into service.

6. What about more common names and the user recognition?

Summary Answer. In most cases, the individual PC user will not need to know the server name. All naming standards that are setup and used have the possibility to be argued against and for individual disagreement with the naming convention. We recognize this and have tried to take various naming aspects into consideration.

7. In the Window standard you have the agency name. Some agency names don't use three characters.

Summary Answer. Good question, the three numbers that we will use are not necessarily the numbers that are already assigned to an agency. We don't necessarily want the designed number to be a number that people know. It is not necessary for the number to be known.

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8. There could be some inconsistencies within the naming convention.

Summary Answer. Yes, there could be some inconsistencies within the naming convention. To prevent this we would likely have to re-use names multiple times. There are procedures that will have to be created due to these naming standards.

9. Could you use the description more to cut down on a potential problem?

Summary Answer. We took that into consideration; however, we had to consider those out in the field and the work they have to do. If you are not sitting at your desk how much information is available? This is an important factor.

10. What about servers with mixed-modes?

Summary Answer. I can't specifically tell you. We will have to look at them by function as we move forward. We don't expect to have them out there. Remember, this (today's presentation) is for future servers not for those currently out there.

11. When is this going to be initiated?

Summary Answer. As soon as possible; however, we don't currently have a time frame.

12. Are you going away from the Outlook Client?

Summary Answer. No. During the refresh cycle systems will be upgraded to the required Window XP SP 2 system.

13. Will you need to go out to the Internet to get to Outlook? (Small and remote agency question).

Summary Answer. For internal traffic usage, going forward, you won't need to hit the internet to get to Outlook.

14. For Dial-up remote locations without internet access, how is that going to fit into the plan?

Summary Answer. We are currently looking into that because we are aware that this is an issue that needs to be evaluated.

Action List:

- Minutes to be posted; distribution per VITA website.
- Email additional questions for next CoIN to Don Drew.
- Next meeting: July

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